

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

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Mr. Val Siebal Chief Deputy Director Office of Evironmental Health Hazard Assessment California Environmental Protection Agency 301 Capitol Mall Room 205 Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Siebal,

Thank you for your assistance and consideration in making arrangements for the national external peer review meeting for the U.S. EPA Perchlorate Toxicity Assessment. Through Teresa Parsley and Linda Doose of your office, OEHHA has sponsored U.S. EPA's use of the Central Valley Room in the brand new State facility in Sacramento (1001 "T" Street). This meeting is currently scheduled for March 6th through 8th, 2001. Final arrangements are being made by U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development in Washington, DC, and you should feel free to contact Kevin Mayer of Region 9 at (415) 744-2248 if any questions or issues arise.

This meeting will be an important step in establishing the scientific foundation for regulating perchlorate in our water supplies. We are delighted that Region 9 and the State of California will be able to observe this process first hand.

Sincerely,

John Kemmerer

Chief, Superfund Site Cleanup Branch